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BILL NO: HB 1387
COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations
POSITION: Support

TITLE: Certificates for Involuntary Admission – Licensed Certified Social Worker - Clinical

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill alters a requirement that a certain certificate accompany an application for involuntary admission to certain facilities by providing that the certificate may be signed by a physician and a license certified social worker – clinical.

POSITION AND RATIONAL: The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (Board) supports HB 1387.

The Board recognizes the importance of having two qualified health care practitioners sign a certificate for involuntary admission to certain facilities. This bill will enable licensed certified social workers- clinical to join psychologists and psychiatric nurse practitioners as health care practitioners able to sign such involuntary admission certificates, along with a physician.

For this reason, the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners requests a favorable report on HB1387.

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